

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

The Examiner notes that the petition filed November 2, 2007 by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey on behalf of Broadcom is **GRANTED to the extent indicated** (see petition decision mailed on November 9, 2007).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Doug Goldhush on 4/23/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

before "method" (claim 10, line 1) insert -- **hardware** --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The prior art of record does not specifically disclose or remotely suggest:

With regard to independent claim 1:

a **first switch** that monitors said memory/command bus and interprets information written to said first memory address as ***proxy information***, said first switch connected to said first interface of said memory/command bus; and

a **second switch** that **monitors said memory/command bus and interprets information written to said first memory address as *proxy information***, said second switch connected to said second interface of said memory/command bus.

With regard to independent claim 4:

a **monitor** being connected to said memory/command bus interface so that said monitor can monitor said memory/command bus and **interpret information written to said designated memory address as *proxy information***.

With regard to independent claim 10:

monitoring of said memory/command bus by said first switch and said other switches; and

interpreting said sending information written to said first address as *proxy information*.

In addition, Examiner points to the arguments of Applicant's representative (Appeal Brief filed on 4/12/07 (pp. 4 – 7 (claim 1); pp. 8 – 10 (claim 4); pp. 12 – 15 (claim 10))).

2. These limitations, in conjunction with the other limitations in the independent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record.

A review of claims 1 – 12, in view of the Examiner's arguments above, indicates that claims 1 – 12 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 am - 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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